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***Attachment to Advisory Action***

Applicants' amendment filed 12/10/2008 has been considered; however, the amendment has not been entered given that it raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

With respect to new issues, claims 9, 10, and 15 have been amended to exclude component (C2). Therefore, the amendment would require further consideration and/or search.

In the interest of better enabling the applicants to assess the patentability of their claims, the following advisory is given:

Had the amendment been entered, prior art rejections over Kobayashi '615 and/or Kobayashi '843 would have been withdrawn given that they do not disclose (C1) or (C3).

The terminal disclaimer filed on 12/10/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,914,088 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection is withdrawn.

The rejection under 35 USC 103 over US 6,914,088 would have been maintained given that applicant still has not provided a statement of common ownership *at the time of invention* which is required to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based upon the commonly assigned case as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(c). It is suggested that applicant submit a statement such as, "Application X and Application Y were, at the time the invention of Application X was made, owned by Company Z." See MPEP § 706.02(I)(2). While the

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inventions are presently commonly owned as applicant has noted, they were not necessarily commonly owned *at the time of invention*.

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